

GREAT AUDIENCES GREET SPEAKERS

Many Turned Away From City Auditorium, Where Dr. Chapman Preached.

ALEXANDER LEADS THOUSANDS IN SONG

Revival Opens Brilliantly With Fervent Sermons and Attractive Music—Dr. Chapman Comments Work of News-papers as Aid to Campaign.

Meetings To-Day.

- 11 A. M.—Centenary Methodist Church, address by Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, D. D., to Christian workers.
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MARKED by enormous outpourings of people, overflowing the halls and churches, and a deep earnestness of spiritual conviction, without any discordant note, the Chapman-Alexander evangelistic meetings opened last night, with six simultaneous services, the largest of which, conducted by the leaders of the movement at the City Auditorium, had an audience which largely exceeded the capacity of that great hall.

Dr. Chapman's preaching was plain and practical, without attempt at oratory or eloquence, addressed in the main to church-going people, who formed the bulk of his first Richmond audience. Evidencing a strong love for humanity, his illustrations proved most touching, holding the audience spell-bound, the waves of coughing which swept over the house at the end of paragraphs or illustrations showing the tensely which each had been listening and endeavoring to prevent any interruption. Throughout the sermon no one of the more than 4,000 in the Auditorium left the house.

At all of the sections meetings, etc., was made a leading feature, it was an experience to see Mr. Charles M. Alexander leading the great choir of more than 600 voices, banded tier above tier on the platform of the Auditorium. Standing himself on a table well to the front, turning now to the choir, now to the audience, he seemed to have each under the spell of his hand, never ceasing until he had both singing with heartiness and accord, while the pianist, Mr. Robert Harkness, himself the composer of several of the hymns sung, seemed entirely in accord with every movement of the leader's hand.

Before the meeting was over, audience, choir and instrument moved at the wave of the leader with the precision of a trained orchestra.

Auditorium Overflowed.

The occasion was the first speaking in the new Auditorium since the steel building was placed in position, and from the deep stillness would seem that every one in the house was only hearing, but leaning on every word.

Before the meeting had been in progress fifteen minutes Fire Chief Joyner and Police Captain Epps directed that the doors be closed and the aisles kept clear, and a continuous stream of people was turned away from the building. Police and ushers were present to handle the crowd, but there was no disorder and no confusion.

Information from other sections of the city indicated that the campaign has been long in progress. At the First Baptist Church, in the center of the city; the Broadway Memorial and Union Station Churches, on Church Hill; in Fulton and in Manchester, where sectional meetings were held, the people poured out in numbers undiminished by the great Auditorium audience. Simple, effective and direct preaching was general, and at all meetings music was made a prominent and attractive feature.

Services will be held this afternoon and to-night at the various sections, and to-night at the Auditorium. At 11 o'clock this morning Dr. Chapman will speak at Centenary Methodist Church to all of the evangelists, speakers, singers, Richmond ministers and active workers on "Why We Need a Revival in Richmond."

Mr. Alexander's Method.

The Auditorium meeting last night opened with a preliminary song service which was a revelation to local musicians of the musical powers of a great audience when effectively led. A great choir, trained by Professor Whittier Mercer, and under the inspiring leadership of Mr. Alexander and the spirited accompaniment of Mr. Harkness, soon had the audience on its feet and singing. Mr. Alexander's genial, informal manner won its way at once.

"I never heard people sing in Richmond," he began, as he mounted the platform, "except at a preachers' meeting this afternoon. It is said you can sing in Richmond, but in order for us to know it, we will have to hear it. Now all you in the audience join the choir practice, and let's set this old city afire with music."

"Now listen to me," and Mr. Alexander rendered in his wonderful, full tenor, "He Will Hold Me Fast," one

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VERY BUSY DAY

President-Elect Receives Many Callers, Editorial on Golf Playing.

AUGUSTA, GA., January 6.—The President-elect is a member of the National Child Labor Committee, and today he listened to a report on general conditions of child labor in the South from A. J. McKelway, secretary of the committee for the Southern States. Mr. McKelway has headquarters at Atlanta. It was his conclusion that the child labor laws of Southern States are badly as well adapted to conditions, but that there is laxness in their enforcement. No action on the subject is understood to be contemplated at this time.

National Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock returned from his trip to Birmingham and Atlanta this morning, and this afternoon had an extended interview with Mr. Taft. John Hays Hammond, who visited Atlanta, came back with Mr. Hitchcock.

Chauncey Dewey, of Chicago, recently appointed inspector-general of the Illinois State mill, will play Mr. Taft and Mr. Hitchcock. Mr. Dewey was one of the two Taft delegates from that State in the convention, and it is understood he has some political friends he wishes to introduce for a call on Mr. Taft.

William H. Jackson, of New York, and his brother, Henry Jackson, of Atlanta. The latter is a Georgia Republican of prominence. They came from Atlanta with Hitchcock and Hammond today. Mr. Taft will leave Atlanta after his forthcoming visit at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon, January 10th, that he may visit the Georgia State University, at Athens, on his return. This decision was practically reached today as a result of a call from Judge Hamilton McWhorter, of Athens, Mr. Taft's next speaking engagement is at the dinner of the Bar Association of Augusta, at the Bon Air Hotel, January 11th.

Henry Anderson, of Richmond, talked Southern politics with Mr. Taft at some length today, but nothing tangible for publication resulted. Colonel Robert M. Thompson, of New York, will play off a Hot Springs, Va., the game of golf with Mr. Taft to-morrow. Colonel Thompson is on his way to Florida.

Mr. Taft's excellence as a golf player was made the subject of defense to the extent of a column editorial in a local paper here today.

There was no doubt, it was asserted, that he could beat Mr. Rockefeller on the Augusta links, notwithstanding reports of his numerous recent defeats. Mr. Rockefeller is expected here this week. The President-elect smilingly submitted himself for "exposure" to practically all the photographers in Augusta today. They called at his cottage, they said, to see an eagle.

Senator Knox notified Mr. Taft today that he would be here to-morrow.

CASE GOES A-BEGGING

Can't Get Judge to Try Famous \$20,000 Standard Oil Fine.

CHICAGO, ILL., January 6.—The distinction of hearing the retrial of the Standard Oil case, in which Judge Landis' fine of \$20,000 went to place the United States Appellate and Supreme Courts went a-begging today. United States District Attorney Sims went before Judge Landis and announced that he would like to begin a new hearing of the case on Monday. Judge Landis answered that in view of his duties in the case (fundamentally that each carload constituted a separate offense), he did not care to sit again in the case.

"But," continued the court, "I'll ask Judge Beetha about it; maybe he will take it."

But Judge Sol. H. Beetha, of the District Court, pleaded some slight connection with the matter even before it reached Judge Landis, and asked to be excused. "Well," Judge Landis pursued, after his telephone conversation with Judge Beetha, "Judge Anderson is coming to try a case for me soon; wait till he arrives, and we'll see what can be done." And there the subject was allowed to rest for the present.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS

Bill to Establish Them Introduced in Senate—Many Amendments.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 6.—The bill to establish postal savings banks was taken up by the Senate today and read for amendments. Senator Carter, in charge of the measure, announcing that he would not attempt to get a vote on the bill until next week. That State banks should be used as government depositories for postal funds was pressed in amendments offered by Senators Smith of Michigan, Cummins of Iowa, and Gore of Oklahoma.

Senators McCumber, Fulton and others approved such use of State banks and declared in favor of placing such banks on an exact equality with national banks as government depositories. Mr. Smith's amendment proposed the acceptance by the Postmaster-General of State, county, municipal or United States bonds as security.

The bill was laid aside without final action being taken on the proposed amendments, all of which will be voted on at a future day.

NOT TO COMPROMISE

Conference of Attorneys Develops Fact That Railways Will Stand Fast.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 6.—During a general conference here on interstate matter this week, H. T. Wickham, Epps Hunton, W. B. Morison and others who were working for the free list—iron ore, coal and lumber, I have a large portion of my fortune in iron and steel, and I am not going to compromise.

FOR FREE TRADE

Gates Would Reduce the Tariff on Iron, Steel and Lumber.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 6.—John W. Gates has joined the ranks of those who are asking for free trade in iron, coal and lumber. A letter to Speaker Cannon, dated at Port Arthur, Texas, was followed by a statement that he would not hurt the manufacturers of iron and steel a particle.

HORRIBLE CRIME DONE IN CHURCH

Body of Methodist Minister Found Dismembered and in Stoves.

COMMUNION TABLE IS DAUBED WITH BLOOD

Head of New Hatchet and Dirk Are Found—Clergyman Had Made Terrific Struggle for His Life—Few Clues to Identity of Murderer.

DETROIT, MICH., January 6.—The dismembered body of Rev. John H. Carmichael, a Methodist minister, was found today partially consumed by fire in the two heating stoves of one of his three churches near Columbus, in the southwestern part of St. Clair county.

Investigation was begun at once to clear away a temporary uncertainty as to the identity of the victim and obtain clues regarding the murder and the motive for the crime. Identification of the dead clergyman was soon effected by Orville Lindsay, who was sent to the church for that purpose by Mrs. Carmichael, who had been in great distress since her husband failed to return home as expected last evening, and who surmised that the minister was the victim as soon as she heard the report that some one had been murdered in the Columbus church.

Hard to Find Clues.

But clues of the murderer and his motive were more difficult to obtain. There was a rumor that a strange man had left a train at Hickey late in the afternoon and had been directed to the Columbus Church, and there were other rumors, indicating that two men were implicated in the crime. The fact that several coins were found in the clothing of the dead man and in the ashes in the stoves precluded the theory of robbery, and at the time of his death it was not known that the murdered minister had an enemy in the world.

The Rev. Carmichael had been in Michigan about ten years, and for two years had been pastor of the first church at Columbus, Adair and China. With his wife and three children he resided at Adair. Leaving home yesterday morning, he told Mrs. Carmichael that he was going to Columbus to arrange for a series of revival meetings there. He was wearing a dark suit, a white shirt and a white necktie. He was carrying a bag of books and a box of children's toys. He was carrying a bag of books and a box of children's toys.

Fought for His Life.

Myron Brown, who lives near the site of the tragedy, was the first to discover the crime today. While he was waiting at the cross roads to keep an appointment, the cold wind drove him to seek shelter in the church. He was surprised to find the church doors unlocked, and upon opening them was terrified to see the church floor strewn with the blood and fragments of the bloody clothing scattered all around. Evidently the clergyman, who was fifty-six years old and of athletic build,

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WARNING TO REGENT

Dismissal of Grand Chancellor Makes Chinese Situation Acute.

PEKING, January 6.—The American, the British and the Japanese ministers are acting upon the principle that the situation brought about by the dismissal of the grand chancellor, Yuan Shi-Kai, requires a strong attitude on the part of the powers and a warning to the prince regent that might endanger the peace. The German, the Russian and the French ministers appear to be without instructions from their governments, and are awaiting developments.

MAYOR ENJOINED

Moving Picture Shows in New York Gain a Temporary Victory.

NEW YORK, January 6.—The moving picture men won a victory over Mayor McClellan today, when Justice Blackmar, of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn, granted the application of William Fox, president of the Moving Picture Men's Association, for an injunction against putting into effect the Mayor's recent wholesale revocation of moving picture licenses.

IN JURY'S HANDS

Fate of Mrs. Erb and Mrs. Beisel in Now Being Considered.

MEDIA, PA., January 6.—The fate of Mrs. Katherine Beisel and Mrs. M. Florence Erb, charged with the murder of Captain J. C. Gables, on October 6th, hangs in the balance. The case was given to the jury at 4:30 this afternoon, and after deliberating for four hours they were locked up for the night. Not an intimation was given as to a poll of the jury.

When court opened B. Frank Rhodes began the closing address in favor of the defendants. He ridiculed the Commonwealth's case, and said not one scintilla of evidence had been adduced to show that Mrs. Erb was in any way connected with the murder of her husband, and that Mrs. Beisel, the other defendant, had shot Erb that her own life and that of her sister might be spared. He unmercifully scored the "Philadelphia gang," as he termed them, for the part the Philadelphia detectives and Coroner's Physician Wadsworth took in securing evidence and testifying against the accused.

He closed with a pathetic plea for the acquittal of the defendants.

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HOLDING afternoon and evening sessions, the new State Board of Health met here yesterday, received and considered the first annual report of Commissioner Ennion G. Williams, and discussed many matters relating to the preservation of the public health.

The board is composed of distinguished representatives of the medical profession from all sections of the State. A full list of the members follows:

President, R. W. Martin, M. D.; Secretary, Charles R. Grandy, M. D.; S. W. Hobson, M. D., Newport News, First Congressional District; Charles R. Grandy, M. D., Norfolk, Second Congressional District; J. B. Fisher, M. D., Middleburg, Third Congressional District; O. C. Wright, M. D., Jarratts, Fourth Congressional District; Lewis E. Harvie, M. D., Danville, Fifth Congressional District; R. W. Martin, M. D., Lynchburg, Sixth Congressional District; S. P. Latham, M. D., Winchester, Seventh Congressional District; W. M. Smith, M. D., Alexandria, Eighth Congressional District; J. H. Dunkley, M. D., Saltville, Ninth Congressional District; Rold White, M. D., Lexington, Tenth Congressional District; George Ben Johnston, M. D., Stuart, McGuire, M. D., City of Richmond.

The report of Dr. Williams, which is addressed to the Governor, treats every phase of the work of his department in an interesting and elaborate manner, and it is at once demonstrative of the fact that though he has held office less than a year, he and his assistants are accomplishing a great deal in the interest of the health of the people. Governor Swanson received the report several days ago, and having studied it carefully, expressed much pleasure concerning its contents. Although the board held two long sessions, the work disposed of was largely routine in its nature, and its details would therefore not be of striking public interest.

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This subcommittee consists of Representatives Mudd, Butler, Hales and Lilley and Senators Talbot, Lamar, Kitchen, Hobson and Padgett. The proposal has been made to the committee that a provision be incorporated in the naval appropriation bill making it necessary for the officer that the money may be available for the cost of the marines be stationed on battleships, instead of being confined to land duty exclusively, as is provided for by a recent order of the President.

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Representatives Tawney, of Minnesota; Smith, of Iowa; Fitzgerald, of New York; and Sherry, of Kentucky, in his special message following the action of the House in resending the objectionable portion of the President's message, will take the opportunity to reply to the President. Representative Griggs, of Georgia, on Monday evening, will deliver a message of the President be returned to the House, Executive, but withdrew his motion on the advice of some of his Democratic colleagues.

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It is reported here that the negro had been captured, and that Sheriff P. H. Corley has received a bullet wound in the leg from the negro's weapon.

Returning from the scene refuse to say anything about the capture, but it is believed the negro has been lynched.

Wingard, who is fifty-three years old, was in her back yard when the negro seized her. She screamed and the negro ran off, her husband being in the house at the time.

Sheriff Corley was notified and left immediately with bloodhounds to capture the negro.

Mrs. Wingard is said to be in a highly nervous condition, and is under a physician's care to-night.

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The President concludes his message with the statement that he does not conceive it "to be within the authority of the Senate to give directions of this character to the head of an executive department."

The message to the Senate is in response to a resolution introduced by Senator Cullerton, calling upon the Attorney-General to state whether he had brought an action against the steel company because of its acquisition of the Tennessee concern, and if not, the reason for non-action.

While the resolution was not directed to President Roosevelt, his attention was called to it by Attorney-General Bonaparte.

The President says: "As to the transaction in question, I was personally cognizant of and responsible for its every detail. For the information of the Senate I transmit a copy of a letter sent by me to the Attorney-General on November 4, 1907, as follows:

"The White House, Nov. 4, 1907.

"My Dear Attorney-General: Judge E. H. Gary and Mr. H. C. Frick, on behalf of the Steel Corporation, have just called upon me. They state that there is a certain business firm (the name of which I have not been told, but which is of real importance in New York business circles), which will undoubtedly fail this week if help is not given. Among its assets are a majority of the securities of the Tennessee Coal Company. Application has been made to the Steel Corporation to purchase this stock as the only means of saving the firm.

"Judge Gary and Mr. Frick informed me that as a mere business transaction they do not care to purchase the stock; that under ordinary circumstances they would not consider purchasing the stock, because the benefit will come to the Steel Corporation from the purchase; that they are aware that the purchase will be used as a handle for attack upon them, on the ground that they are striving to secure a monopoly of the business and prevent competition—not that this would represent what could honestly be said, but what might recklessly and untruthfully be said.

"They inform me that as a matter of fact the policy of the company has been to decline to acquire more than 60 per cent of the steel properties, and that this purpose has been persevered in for several years past, with the object of preventing the accusations, and as a matter of fact their proportion of steel properties has slightly decreased, so that it is below this 60 per cent, and the acquisition of the property in question will not raise it above 60 per cent.

"But they feel that it is immensely to their interest, and to the interest of every responsible business man, to try to prevent a panic and general industrial smash-up at this time, and that they are willing to go into this transaction, which they would not otherwise go into, because a second opinion from me is needed to express judgment in New York that it will be an important factor in preventing a break that might be ruinous, and that this has been urged upon them by the combination of the most responsible bankers in New York, who are now themselves in a very tight place, and that the situation has been in no way changed by its acquisition of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company.

"I have thus given to the Senate all the information in the possession of the executive departments which appears to me to be material or relevant on the subject of the resolution. I feel bound, however, to add that I have instructed the Attorney-General not to respond to that portion of the resolution which calls for a statement of his reasons for non-action.

"I have done so because I do not conceive it to be within the authority of the Senate to give directions of this character to the head of an executive department, or to demand from him reasons for his action. Heads of executive departments are subject to the Congress in pursuance of the Constitution and to the directions of the President of the United States, but to no other direction whatever.

(Signed)

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TREATIES CONCLUDED

United States, Colombia and Panama Finally Settle the Pending Questions.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 6.—The basis of treaties concluded between the United States and Colombia and Panama for the settlement of pending questions arising out of the separation of the territory which now forms the republic of Panama from Colombia were to-day announced with authority.

The treaty between Colombia and Panama will provide for a payment of \$2,500,000 in American gold by Panama to Colombia as a settlement in part of the \$15,000,000 of foreign debt contracted by Colombia while Panama was a part of that country. This payment is to be made by Panama assigning to Colombia ten annual payments of \$250,000 each, which the United States, by treaty, is to pay to Panama in consideration of concessions for the building of the Isthmian Canal. According to the treaty between the United States and Panama, these payments were to begin in 1912, but by the pending treaty arrangements they will commence from 1908, which will permit the turning over at once of two instalments amounting to \$500,000 to Colombia.

The terms of the treaties recognize the independence of Panama, and the two countries are to resume diplomatic and commercial relations. They also fix the boundary lines between Colombia and Panama, a circumstance which was expected to interest the United States, as it affects the canal zone.

The three treaties will be signed as soon as their engrossment is completed. One of them will be between the United States and Colombia, the second between the United States and Panama, and the third between Colombia and Panama.

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